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**EDUCATION**

**Classroom Close-up, NJ**

*Airdate:* Sunday, April 8, 2012, 7:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* This episode of Classroom Close-up, NJ covered the following:

Digital Citizenship - Because of cuts in funding, Paterson educators have had to come up with creative ways of keeping lessons dynamic with the help of William Paterson University. This segment examined Paterson No. 12 Elementary school teacher Carlene Anderson's use of lessons created by the university on music, archeology, art, world languages and social action. Using Skype, these learning opportunities were shared with colleagues across America and around the world, and Paterson students were able to share cultural lessons with students in Guyana, Maine, South Dakota and Hawaii, to name a few.

Holocaust Diaries - With each passing year, fewer and fewer Holocaust survivors remain to share their stories. This segment examined how students from Randolph High School in Morris are learning how to contribute to preserving the history of the Holocaust through an extracurricular writing project. The students traveled to the Holocaust Resource Center of Kean University to hear Holocaust survivor, Clara Kramer's story and discuss their writing projects with Holocaust scholar, Alexandra Zapruder.

Kindergarten Humanities - The NJ Council for the Humanities named Ellen Cahill the 2011 Teacher of the Year. This segment focused on some of Ms. Cahill's teaching ideas, including having her kindergarten students at Bradford Elementary in Montclair vote at the beginning of the year on topics that interested them. In this segment, Ms. Cahill demonstrated what's possible in early childhood education, using complex ideas that spark children's passion for learning.

Civil War Letters – This segment focused on 2012 New Jersey Teacher of the Year Jeanne M. DelColle as she worked with her students on an after school project to transcribe civil war letters. Students at Burlington County Institute of Technology worked with the Burlington County Historical Society on this history project. Some of the letters were from a local 17-year-old Civil War soldier, David Hankins, and his cousins who were serving with him. The students also made some of the letters into iMovie documentaries to help people understand the story behind the letters.

**Caucus: New Jersey #2394**

*Airdate:* Sunday, April 22, 2012, 11:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* This half-hour program delved into the common misconceptions regarding on-line learning, and discussed the benefits and expectations of students who choose to earn their degrees outside the standard classroom setting. Guests included: Dario Cortes, President of Berkeley College; George A. Pruitt, President of Thomas Edison State College; Ryan Mitchell, Online Professor at DeVry University; and Melissa Johnson, an On-Line Student at Berkeley College.

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#### **World Peace and Other 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Achievements**

*Airdate:* Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* WORLD PEACE AND OTHER 4TH GRADE ACHIEVEMENTS interwove the story of a remarkable educator and the extraordinary game he developed to demonstrate the complexities of peace and global conflict. Teacher John Hunter's World Peace Game is a hands-on political simulation exercise in which students tackle real-world military, economic and environmental issues. The nine- and 10-year-olds in his class divided into groups, including nation states, the World Bank, United Nations officials, indigenous peoples and even arms dealers. Then, they faced daily challenges ranging from insurgencies and global warming to ethnic tensions and natural disasters. Working together, while also balancing the interests of their own "nations," they attempted to achieve global prosperity with the least amount of military intervention. As fun and engaging as the game it profiled, WORLD PEACE AND OTHER 4TH GRADE ACHIEVEMENTS provided an inspirational look at the lasting impact of one wise and caring teacher on his students and, potentially, the world.

#### **MetroFocus #201 "Education Innovation"**

*Airdate:* Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 10:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* This episode of "MetroFocus" explored what's new and improving in education. It featured internet educator Sal Khan, one of "Time" magazine's 100 most influential people, and best-selling author and Harvard professor Michael Sandel speaking at the 2012 WNET Celebration of Teaching & Learning; an interview with New York City Schools' Chancellor Dennis Walcott; a look at the controversial and evolving issue of teacher evaluations; interviews with the New Jersey and New York education commissioners; a first-hand look at a new approach to tackling the drop-out rate; and more. Rafael Pi Roman hosted.

#### **American Graduate: A Conversation with Teachers**

*Airdate:* Monday, June 18, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* This program was an intimate conversation with New York City school teachers from all five boroughs, hosted by Ray Suarez of the PBS NewsHour. The program examined important issues affecting New York City educators and proposed solutions that could help alleviate the dropout crisis. American Graduate: A Conversation with Teachers was part of American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen, a national public media initiative made possible by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) to help New York City and other communities across America identify and implement solutions to the high school dropout crisis. The panel was comprised of five teachers, representing each borough in New York City, who teach various levels of students with different needs including:

Bobson Wong, a math teacher at Bayside High School, in Queens, New York for grades 9-12;

Seth Guinals-Kupperman, a physics, engineering, astronomy and robotics teacher at the High School for Math, Science & Engineering in Manhattan;

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Jeanne Raleigh, a social studies, math, writing and ELA teacher of grades 3, 4 and 5 at PS 19 The Curtis School in Staten Island;

Khalilah Brann, a history (American and World) and English teacher of grades 1 and 9-12 and GED students at Bushwick Community High School in Brooklyn;

Amanda Moskowitz, a sixth grade self-contained math and science special educator at PS/MS 270, a public school in the Morris Heights section of the Bronx.

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**ENVIRONMENT**

**Nova #3910: Deadliest Tornadoes**

*Airdate:* Monday, April 16, 2012, 9:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* In April 2011, the worst tornado outbreak in decades left a trail of destruction across the U.S., killing more than 340 people. Why was there such an extreme outbreak? How do such outbreaks form? With modern warning systems why did so many die? Is our weather getting more extreme -- and if so how bad will it get? This episode of NOVA looked at the science behind the April outbreak, meeting those affected and the scientists trying to predict tornadoes and understand whether this outbreak relates to global climate change.

**Rescuing The River Raritan**

*Airdate:* Monday, April 16, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* The Raritan River runs through the center of New Jersey, with upper reaches that are incredibly beautiful, providing a valuable source of water for more than a million people. But industry took hold of the lower Raritan early on and left its mark. This one-hour documentary, narrated by actor Avery Brooks, told the compelling story of a river that has been profoundly contaminated over 200 years and of the extraordinary efforts to clean it up. It revealed how government agencies, powerful corporations, environmentalists, developers, scientists and lawyers have all clashed in their attempts to deal with the aftermath of extensive pollution and environmental neglect. Over the past 40 years much has improved. Flagrant dumping has been stopped. But the job of cleaning our land and water is hardly complete. NJN's documentary special, Rescuing the River, took viewers on a boat trip down the lower ten miles of the Raritan and gave them a close and unflinching look at four notorious toxic sites to see how our rivers became so abused and why it has been so vexingly difficult to fix the problem.

**Green Builders**

*Airdate:* Monday, June 4, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* A quiet green revolution in the building world is evolving, and a first wave of innovative green design projects large and small are already on the ground. "Green Builders"

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profiled a cast of green already on the ground who have taken the leap into making their part of the "built environment" a more energy-efficient and the "built environment" a more energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly place. In each story, people talked about why they made the move to build green, what the challenges were, and how their projects have fared.

#### **Our Vanishing Past**

*Airdate:* Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Neglect, abandonment or encroaching development threaten many historic places. And each passing year claims more factories, old neighborhoods and favorite downtown stores, depriving future generations of the chance to experience history firsthand. OUR VANISHING PAST examined the important relationship between people and their architectural heritage, by focusing on New Jersey's struggle to retain its historical landmarks, including Wildwood, New Jersey's "Doo Wop" motels, Revolutionary War-era structures and safe houses on the Underground Railroad. The documentary also highlighted some of the success stories in the fight to preserve and adaptively reuse buildings throughout New Jersey.

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## **HEALTH**

#### **Caucus: New Jersey #2392**

*Airdate:* Sunday, April 1, 2012, 11:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* This panel addressed the complex issues facing our healthcare system today, paying particular attention to healthcare reform, the complex relationship between providers and payers, and New Jersey's "Shaping NJ" Initiative. Guests included: Barry H. Ostrowsky, President & CEO of Barnabas Health; Annette Catino, President & CEO of Qualcare Inc.; Richard Miller, CEO of Virtua; and Mary E. O'Dowd, Commissioner of the NJ Department of Health & Senior Services.

#### **Caucus: New Jersey #2391**

*Airdate:* Sunday, April 15, 2012, 11:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* This half-hour program examined the obesity epidemic in our country. Highlighting the various initiatives that promote healthy eating habits and exercise around the state, this panel of experts offered insight into how to combat our unhealthy lifestyle choices. Guests included: Kendall R. Sprott, Acting Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ; Melody DeGaetano, Pediatric Registered Dietician at Clara Mass Medical Center; Jeff Halevy, Behavioral Health & Fitness Expert and Founder of "Let's Move! Newark: Our Power (L.M.N.O.P)"; and Ismael Calderon, Science Director at The Newark Museum.

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**The Parent's Survival Guide: Children Obesity**

*Airdate:* Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Although the causes of childhood obesity vary, the effects do not: obesity compromises a child's growth, health and quality of life. THE PARENTS' SURVIVAL GUIDE: CHILDHOOD OBESITY addressed the multi-faceted solutions to this growing pediatric health problem, specifically the role parents can play as the "first line of defense" in their children's nutrition and fitness. By combining interviews with experts and profiles with families, the one-hour documentary helped parents determine their children's risk for obesity and offered practical strategies for prevention and intervention. THE PARENTS' SURVIVAL GUIDE also presented new research on childhood obesity and compared and contrasted different approaches that both parents and healthcare professionals can put to immediate use. It also addressed the more complex matters of behavior modification, a key, albeit challenging, component in controlling weight.

**Charlie Rose #18100**

*Airdate:* Saturday, May 12, 2012, 12:00am

*Segment Length:* 54:37

*Description:* This segment featured a discussion on autism with Eric Kandel of Columbia University; Gerald Fischbach of The Simons Foundation; Uta Frith of University College London; Matthew State of Yale University; and Alison Singer of the Autism Science Foundation.

**Blood Sugar Solution with Dr. Mark Hyman**

*Airdate:* Saturday, June 23, 2012, 11:00am

*Length:* 90-minutes

In this program, Dr. Mark Hyman explained what "diabesity" is, outlined the underlying causes that drive the problem, and provided a personalized, 4-step plan to help individuals overcome diabesity. He explained how we can all take back our health as individuals, as a community, and as a society. Dr. Hyman identified seven keys to achieving wellness-optimize your nutrition: balance your hormones, cool off inflammation, fix your digestion, enhance detoxification, boost energy metabolism, and calm mind-and outlined the steps needed to personalize an approach to healing.

**Use Your Brain to Change Your Age with Dr. Daniel Amen**

*Airdate:* Sunday, June 24, 2012, 6:00pm

*Length:* 120-minutes

In this program, clinical neuroscientist and bestselling author Dr. Daniel Amen shared simple steps to boost the brain to help one live longer, look younger and decrease the risk for Alzheimer's disease.

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**HERITAGE**

**Finding Your Roots #103: Barbara Walters & Geoffrey Canada**

*Airdate:* Thursday, April 5, 2012, 8:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* What's in a name? For former slaves, choosing a last name was one of their first acts of freedom. For Jewish immigrants, it was a way to fit in their new country. Whatever the reason for a name change, it can make the process of learning about one's ancestors difficult, if not impossible. In this episode, Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. unearthed missing links in the family histories of media legend Barbara Walters and educational superstar Geoffrey Canada. Walters did not know her father's real last name. Canada did not know the name of his grandfather. Both of them had previously been unable to access their history, but Prof. Gates assisted them to do so.

**Teenage Witness: The Fanya Heller Story**

*Airdate:* Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* In 1941, the Nazis asserted their power by overrunning tiny villages throughout Eastern Europe. In the middle of the horror and chaos stood 15-year-old Fanya Gottesfeld (Heller). Only through the kindness of a Polish peasant did Fanya survive - hidden beneath a chicken coop with her parents and brother for two-and-a-half years. Based on her acclaimed memoir, *Love In A World of Sorrow*, **TEENAGE WITNESS: THE FANYA GOTTESFELD HELLER STORY** presented a raw and emotional look at survival and the tenacity of the human spirit. Richard Gere narrated. Fanya's story differed from other Holocaust narratives because of her relationship with a Ukrainian soldier - a Nazi collaborator who helped save her family from certain death. However, this relationship left Fanya with questions she continued to struggle with. Since the book's publication in 1993, the Holocaust survivor has dedicated her life to spreading a message of hope to audiences young and old. Now, Fanya shares the details of her ordeal with inner-city teens in the hopes of making them understand, and even relate to, the difficult choices she made. The atrocities of the Holocaust occurred more than 60 years ago, but its lessons of courage and tolerance and the dangers of prejudice and baseless hatred remain relevant today. At the age of 83, Fanya contemplated a return to her hometown of Skala, in present-day Ukraine, accompanied by Father Patrick Desbois, the French-Catholic priest responsible for identifying more than 600 previously unknown graves of Jews. The film followed Fanya as she wrestled with the past and focused on the importance of her work today.

**Finding Kalman**

*Airdate:* Thursday, April 19, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* In this moving documentary a charismatic Holocaust survivor inspired her family to connect to relatives they never met. Focusing on her brother, Kalman, Anna recounted tales of a mischievous boy who tried to escape the Warsaw ghetto with her. Her daughter, an artist, devoured the stories and painted his portrait over and over again. As Kalman's face emerged on canvas, the film moved from archival Warsaw ghetto footage to summers in a Catskills bungalow colony-from vibrant family life before World War II to now. Four generations grappled differently

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with their shared history. Roz, the artist felt her mother's pain, understanding it in stages. Maya, an Israeli granddaughter expressed her passion playing the viola. Performing in an Arab-Israeli youth orchestra, she questioned why there has to be war when she sees the ease of making music with someone defined as her enemy. Great-grandson Roy wondered with concern how his generation would understand the Holocaust when it seemed like just another story. As the loving family that grew from one survivor celebrated together, the film showed how four generations find light even in the darkest of places-with a resiliency that provides hope for the future.

**Moyers & Company #117: Between Two Worlds: Life on the Border**

*Airdate:* Thursday, May 10, 2012, 8:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Moyers interviewed author Luis Alberto Urrea about life on the border. Mr. Urrea is a writer with a strong understanding of the border culture between Mexico and the United States. His own life is the stuff of great novels. Son of a Mexican father and Anglo mother, Urrea grew up first in Tijuana and then just across the border in San Diego. Over the years he has produced a series of acclaimed novels, including *The Hummingbird's Daughter*, *The Devil's Highway*, and his latest, *Queen of America* - each a rich and revealing account of the people of the borderlands that join and separate our two nations. Three of Urrea's books were among scores of others removed from classrooms earlier this year when the Tucson school district eliminated Mexican-American studies on the accusation it was "divisive."

**Finding Your Roots #108: Sanjay Gupta, Margaret Cho and Martha Stewart**

*Airdate:* Thursday, May 17, 2012, 9:00pm

*Length:* 60 minutes

*Description:* The three guests in this episode are all children of first- or second-generation immigrants and share the peculiar burdens of that heritage. In an episode that crisscrossed the planet, from India to Korea to Poland, viewers caught a glimpse of three distinct yet oddly overlapping experiences of families leaving their homes and becoming American.

**Finding Your Roots #109: John Legend, Wanda Sykes and Margaret Cooper**

*Airdate:* Thursday, May 17, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Most African Americans struggle to trace their ancestors beyond Emancipation; slavery erased names and family ties with brutal efficiency. But what about the descendants of the handful of free black people who evaded bondage during that terrible time? Musician John Legend and comedian Wanda Sykes discovered the extraordinary stories of the free black ancestors they never knew about, while Professor Gates himself and his 98-year-old friend Margaret Cooper delved into the mysteries shrouding the free people of color in their family trees.



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**LOCAL POLITICS**

**NJ Today #251**

*Airdate:* Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 6:00pm

*Length:* 3-minutes

*Description:* This segment covered the battle for New Jersey's 10th Congressional District. The seat opened up after the death of the democratic dean, Donald Payne, and his son is among those seeking to replace him.

**Reporter's Roundtable #2412**

*Airdate:* Saturday, May 12, 2012, 5:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* Nick Acocella of Politifax, Alfred Doblin from The Record of Hackensack, Jarrett Renshaw from the Newark Star Ledger and Joelle Farrell from the Philadelphia Inquirer discussed the The Pascrell/Rothman debate and the top stories of the week.

**NJ Today #279**

*Airdate:* Friday, May 11, 2012, 6:00pm

*Length:* 4-minutes

*Description:* The death of veteran Congressman Donald Payne has created a scramble to replace him in New Jersey's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, and this segment featured one of those right in the thick of that scramble - the Mayor of Irvington, Wayne Smith.

**NJTV Presents: Battle for the 9<sup>th</sup> Pascrell/Rothman Primary Debate**

*Airdate:* Monday, May 14, 2012, 8:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* NJTV covered the debate between Pascrell and Rothman for the 9<sup>th</sup> district.

**Power of the Governor**

*Airdate:* Wednesday, May 23, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Since a Constitutional Convention transformed New Jersey's Governor from one of the weakest in the nation to the most powerful, New Jersey has been a testing ground of executive power for over sixty years. Armed with a variety of veto and appointment powers, and blessed with singular control of the bully pulpit, these Governors have enjoyed the kind of executive authority that other Governors envy. *The Power of the Governor* featured lively interviews with former Governors and administration insiders, and with reporters and political experts who have studied them. Blending these personal voices with a variety of archival NJN News footage, *The Power of the Governor* brought a fresh perspective to the history that shapes New Jersey's political culture today. This one-hour documentary special explored the tools

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available to any New Jersey Governor, constitutional and otherwise. The Power of the Governor also identified the fundamental challenges to gubernatorial power inherent in the way the Garden State governs itself. Narrated by Kent Manahan.

**NJ Decides: The New Jersey Primary 2012**

*Airdate:* Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 9:00pm

*Length:* 2 ½ hours

*Description:* NJTV covered the results of the New Jersey primary election.

**On The Record #2816**

*Airdate:* Saturday, June 9, 2012, 12:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* In this episode, On the Record spoke with Sen Bob Menendez about his race against Joe Kyrillos, his work for the middle class, the Affordable Care Act and the Pascrell-Rothman primary race.

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**Charlie Rose #18083**

*Airdate:* Thursday, April 19, 2012, 12:00am

*Segment Length:* 15:26

*Description:* This segment featured a conversation with John Boehner, speaker of the United States House of Representatives, on his endorsement of former governor Mitt Romney for the presidential nomination and the Republican position on deficits and debt, taxes and spending.

**Charlie Rose #18086**

*Airdate:* Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 12:00am

*Segment Length:* 34:05

*Description:* In this segment, Senator John McCain discussed the Syrian situation, Iranian involvement, the developing government in Libya, President Obama's Iranian policy, the Egyptian struggle, Israel's role in the Middle East, American health care, congressional budget negotiations, his choice of Sarah Palin for his 2008 presidential running mate, and Mitt Romney's vice presidential choice.

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**Charlie Rose #18092**

*Airdate:* Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 12:00am

*Segment Length:* 53:18

*Description:* In this segment, Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, a member of President Obama's Deficit Reduction Committee and author of the book *The Debt Bomb*, discussed our fiscal imbalances and how to solve them--including his proposal to reduce the deficit by nine trillion dollars over ten years.

**Due Process #1710**

*Airdate:* Sunday, May 6, 2012, 7:00pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* In this program, Due Process analyzed the U.S. Supreme Court's year in law and justice - with the ACLU's National Legal Director, Steve Shapiro. Shapiro turned the Court's complex goings on into the clear and comprehensible - presenting both sides of the legal arguments, despite his own stance on the issues. The 90 lawyers on his staff are among the advocates in a wide range of the cases - from strip search in New Jersey to immigration law in Arizona. In fact, this year, the ACLU was a participant in 24% of the 79 cases that The Court agreed to hear. Steve shared his insights with Due Process co-host Sandra King.

**Pricele\$\$**

*Airdate:* Tuesday, May 29, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Campaign money is currently top-of-mind for many Americans. PRICELE\$\$ featured its producer's personal journey across America to learn more about how campaigns are financed, how these multi-millions of dollars impact our Democracy and the meaning of the Citizens' United decision. With interviews of everyday folks, lobbyists and members of Congress in both parties as well as business owners, blue collar workers, farmers and students, the documentary has received such varied endorsements as from Republican Alan Simpson and Democrat Mario Cuomo. The program was hot in location from the Halls of Congress to New York, Florida, Kansas, Iowa, Wyoming, Arizona, California and Oregon.

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**VETERANS ISSUES & HISTORY**

**Nova #3701: Killer Subs in Pearl Harbor**

*Airdate:* Monday, May 28, 2012, 9:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* NOVA joined an exclusive dive beneath the waters of Pearl Harbor to trace new clues to the historic sinking of the USS Arizona. 1,177 crew members perished in the dramatic 1941 sinking of the storied battleship -- the greatest loss of life in United States naval history. For decades, it has been thought that the Arizona was brought down by fire from Japanese aircraft.

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But the discovery of a Japanese "midget sub" raised new questions about the Arizona's final hours which were examined in this episode of NOVA.

**Nova #3418: Missing in MiG Alley**

*Airdate:* Monday, May 28, 2012, 10:00pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* NOVA followed the poignant and sometimes harrowing efforts of family members to trace pilots who went missing over a half century ago. The Korean Conflict was the world's first jet war. High over the Korean-Chinese border, the American F-86 Sabre and the Soviet MiG-15 clashed in furious air battles in a strip of airspace known as MiG Alley. Thirty-one Sabre pilots are believed to have survived crash landings, and NOVA examined evidence suggesting that a few may have been secretly imprisoned in Russia.